Twentieth Anniversary of Ninth Street Christian Church to Be Observed by Members Today

Special Services to Be Held in Commemoration of ******************************** the Event --- Work Established Under Direction of Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Power of Vermont & Some Speakers of Church Congress to Be Held Here Soon. Abenue Church.

churches of the city are deeply for the twenty years. puring the same year the lot upon cost of \$30,000.

of various Christian official board, and have been constantly The church has grown from this small Rev. E. B. Bagby was the first pastor

present church now stands, at October 1, 1907, Mr. Bagby left the streets northeast, was pur- church, and January 1, 1907, the present pastor, Rev. George A. Miller, began his

service of the church was held in this pastorate, 476 have united with the conbuilding April 5, 1891. A church was or- | gregation, and the building debt has been at this time with 127 members, reduced from \$15,000 to \$6,500, besides sixty-five of whom were from the mother | nearly \$2.000 in repairs has been put on church. The first officers were E. L. the church bullding. The church is in Bugbee, P. S. Steele, C. A. Hughes, C. B. a prosperous condition, and it is averred Titus, J. A. Scott and W. S. McCurdy, begins the twenty-first year with the

Open our eyes, Thou Sun of life and gladness,
That we may see that glorious world of Thine!
It shines for us in vain, while drooping sadness
Enfolds us here like mist; come, Power benign.

Touch our chilled hearts with vernal smile,

Who have the eternal towers for our appointed

Our wintry course do Thou beguile. Nor by the wayside ruins let us mourn,

************************* Christian Endeavor Hour.

Subject: Lessons From Great Lives-Joshua, 1:11

Where is the land with milk and honey flowing The promise of our God, our fancy's theme? by many a cloud is darkened and unblest: Here over shattered walls dank weeds are grow And daily, as we downward glide,
Life's ebbing stream on either side
Shows at each turn some mold'ring hope or joy.
The man seems following still the funeral of the hor. Like oaks and cedars all around The giant corses strew the ground. And haughty Jericho's cloud-piercing wall.

Lies where it sank at Joshua's trumpet-call. Where is the sweet repose of hearts repenting.

The deep, calm sky, the sunshine of the soul.

While heaven and earth are to our bliss consent

And all the Godhead joins to make us whole? Is ready for the suppliant's brow.

By the Almighty Three forever planned,

And from behind the cloud held out by Jesus'

hand.

By Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins.

The entrance of the Israelites into the the land of their fathers, the patriarchs. land of Canaan, the "promised land." They were coming to the inheritance for words which have helped thousands of after their forty years of wandering in which they had waited 400 years. Natu- men since and made them heroic: "I will the wilderness, was an event of great rally they were full of hope and en-significance. They were going back to thusiasm. Had they not had this splen-and of good courage; be not afraid,

1888 by Rev. Frederick D. than fifteen years. He did a great work -pastor of the Vermont Avenue in the eastern part of the city, it was Christian Church, and began its first servwho knew him. In 1898 the present ices in Odd Fellows' Hall, 8th street south- church building was constructed at a

the latter part of 1800 and the church has continued its wonderful first part of 1891 a chapel costing \$3,000 growth and prosperity. During the four was constructed on the lot. The first years and three months of the present



REV. DR. LORING W. BATTEN, REV. DR. JAMES C. JONES,

hem of it again and again, and inspired the world has ever known. He had a be victory for righteousness.

and secured its success."

hem with stories of its blessedness when mixed mass of people to care for, and

leader, and about him were gathered their will of God. * * In all his operations

elders, his council. It all seemed so we recognize the prompt and keen-sighted

glorious to them-it would be such an leader, the consummate general, the val-

enemy; they must fight before they could ling Hand, which inspired every enterprise

were faint-hearted and despairing they were ready to fight. And he had to

lid settlement in view as, hungry and neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord and an escape from life's awful tragedy.

hirsty, they passed through the desert? thy God is with thee whithersoever thou But he faced and mastered it all as one

in their long journeyings? Had they not talked about it as they sat around the campfires at night and encouraged one another with plans and dreams of the good which should at length be theirs? And without fear and without reproach, one

iant soldier; but we cannot fail also to

acknowledge the faith in the Unseen, the

abiding consciousness of a high control-

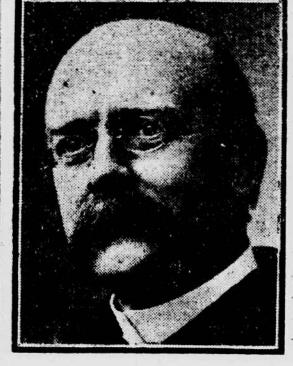
In the Century Magazine for April there

is a fine little poem on the "Mastery of

Before them stood Joshua, their made; one whose meat it was to do the "The thought of death is death's true mastery,

Moses, their great leader, told goest." Joshua was the greatest general who knew that in the end there was to





REV. LOUIS S. OSBORNE, Newark, N. J.

Nor tame their proud lips to one abject plea:

The characteristics of Joshua were

clear vision, a splendid daring, health of

Helpless before his scorned victory.

mind and love for God.



REV: WILLIAM M. GILBERT, Yonkers, N. Y.

New Christian Scriptures? From Harper's Weekly.

There was put forth recently from the Cambridge University press a work in he most remarkable corroborations of president of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York city, and he discovered the document which has now been made public in the Genizah, or manushadow slew stands at the end script storeroom, of the synagogue at Cairo; and if the opinion of one authority may be accepted we have in this fragment a record of the activities of the early Christians which antedates the Gos-

Death." As I read it the character of of the District Union, will assist tomake him want to go away into some Miss Jennie Smith, railroad evangelist, secret place and hide himself. The trials, and Miss Ruth Rizer were visiting speak-activities, that the record affords no certain clue to the personality of any of the religious teachers to which it alludes Several members of the normal mission religious teachers to which it alludes. emotions, and he could not but think of study class which has been successfully Prof. Schechter, indeed, puts forth the the dangerous career before him with conducted among the colored Endeavorers theory tentatively that this was a seci resitancy, even as he could not have by Miss Emma B. Hall will organize which broke away from the main body passed through the strenuous years of classes in their own societies. One such about the year 290 B. C., and that their document is a commentary upon the Gre- an anti-Pauline message and ascribes its the death of Christ.

The Living Book.

By Dr. James B. Clayton.

HE word of God is alive" (Hebrews, 4:11). The Bible, which contains a complete revelation of the human heartits affections and its hopes-can never become obsolete or out-ofdate as long as humanity lasts. The centuries have added nothing new or worthy to its religious teachings and its valuations; nor knowledge diminished its worth as a record of human experience or its value as a perpetual inspiration to higher endeavor. The Book as a whole is organic; every separate book of the sixty-six-law, history, prophecy, poetry, gospel, epistle and apocalypse-being vitally related to the religious philosophy of every other book in the

One book complements and supplements another; Revelations is fitting synthesis of the volume beginning with Genesis, there Scriptures. One writer quotes from another, not as a rhetorical embellishment of his own work nor to lend the weight of a commonly accepted religious authority to his own opinions and statements, but to show the thought connections between two periods of religious history or spiritual development. No one book could complete book may be fittingly likened to an organism, every one of divine and the immortal. The central theme of the Bible is right-

all of which, he claims, were fulfilled in Christ, and cites references in the four Gospels which relate to the prophecies as being fulfilled. The apparent design running all through the Bible, a design which gives unity in diversity, is the disclosure of God to the human heart rather than to reason; and the life of Jesus not only fulfilled eligion's highest ideals has added untold wealth to the religious hought and experience of humanity. Jesus showed how poverty might be transfigured into piety, how isolation might be translated into a divine fellowship and how human brotherhood might be a

The permanency of the book is guaranteed so long as faith, hope and love are the fundamentals of the human heart; it is to these fundamentals that it appeals; it is taese qualities which it develops; it is these phases of personality that it unites in a glowing consciousness of God and immortality. Its stories, teachings and inspi and is realized only by the impartial mind which studies it in its relations to human life in all ages. It is the word of God because it is the noblest word of man. It needs not defenders, and it outlasts all contention, contradiction and contumely. Luther embroidered on the hem of his robe the sentence "Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in the heavens," and Jesus declared that heaven and earth should pass away, but the word of God should abide forever.

reality rather than a dream.

Who says the Bible is dead, obsolete or out-of-date? It is alivethe best seller among the books, outselling Shakespeare five to one; and its appeal to the conscience, the heart, the will is as potent now as when worthy hands first penned its pages of divine wisdom; and its spirit-its living quality-will speak to the troubled, tempted and tried souls of men till their defeats are forgotten in the last

cian persecutions. It is Dr. Margoliouth date to the time of the destruction of the of the British Museum who reads into it temple by Titus, some forty years after

Bureau of Education Sends Its Rays of Educational Enlightenment Over All the Land

his service without a longing for rest class was recently started.

ing came to me. His task was enough to of Northminster Presbyterian Society.

the demands made upon him must often ers of this society last Sunday evening.



industrial education faces the helpful. bureau of educa-

many years has hidden its light under a Congress was asked to appropriate \$75,000 school children in the United States. giant lighthouse. Continually is the light | Besides Commissioner Brown there are which are compiled every five years or of education kept burning, and as soon subchiefs, each the head of a division of as the demand arises. some state school system or city the bureau. These divisions are corres- The editorial division shares partly in school system shows signs of needing pondence, statistical, editorial, library, the work of preparing these annual re-help a lifeboat is sent out and the endan- Alaskan, higher education and school ad-

ists in rural and bureau is somewhat similar to an ex-mental lines. change bureau, where the best in educa- While less interesting from several

bureau has existed it has grown to a tabulating the replies thereto. This great extent. Started with only a few part of the work, however prosaic and people and a narrow field of work, it has todious it may seem, results in much pened because Congress refused to see progressed until it comprises a large helpful information being garnered. as the bureau of education did, force and measures its boundaries only Also it requires considerable patience, and instead of appropriating the \$75,000 with those of the nation in which it as'at stated times a revision has to for, gave them but six thou- of this country has become greater, so study made in order to be able to secure works. And as the educational progress be made in the reports, and a careful was hoped to increase the scope in turn have the needs of the bureau. that material which will be most beneoureau by adding ten new special- With the introduction into the educational ficial to other institutions. The bureau the force, but that number has system of this country of agricultural has also gotten into close touch with courses, advanced kindergarten work, the census office, and by a reciprocal rural education, industrial work and other agreement each has been benefited in similar subjects, the need of the bureau securing more accurate statistics. of education is a branch to be equipped with information on all A result of the census office's bengovernment service which for these varied points has grown in equal effts will be noticeable in the statistics so far as the general public is for the coming fiscal year for specialists. The majority of the statistical data Established shortly after the And now that Congress has refused, the compiled in this division is collected this bureau has steadily grown bureau must do the best it can to keep annually, and the consequent results abreast of the times and help toward the radvancement of the great education up-The bureau is not unlike a lift which is sweeping over the country. this, too, there are statistical tables

upon their possessions. Yet they were

afraid, for they had to drive away the

And now came out the splendid quali-

ties of their leader. He had to go before

them and inspire them with his own in-

trepld courage. He had to conquer their

dissensions, calm their fears, arrange

their ranks, and at the same time plan the campaign which should at length

make Canaan their quiet, happy home.

No wonder that for a moment he trem-

And then God gave him those blessed

claim their own.

tional data is gathered wherever it ex- standpoints, the work of the other by experts in the library division. ists, and as the need arises is passed on divisions is no less important. In the is the problem again to those to whom it will be most statistical division the work consists in sending out blank statistical reports to In the forty-odd years in which the various educational institutions and in

But in order to be thus equipped to ren- matters. With more than seventy schools, Many of the efficient results in library school legislation and the administrative of educational improvement an epidemic. thousand dollars do der this service to the educational interthe work of many times that amount be in close touch with the various educasecuring the tional situations which exist in this country, as well as the systems which are going an educational advancement, but is nection with the catalogue cards in edu- even newer, having only been established services of special- followed abroad. And consequently the serving an excellent purpose in experi- cation which are printed at the Library last February. This division, under Dr. of Congress for distribution to other Kendric C. Babcock, collects information sional schools, normal and nurse training



GOVERNMENT SCHOOLHOUSE IN ALASKA.

seems scarcely deserving of such slight- member of this division. While the work later be of service to the company, which ing regard, as through the medium of is as yet too young to form an accurate resulted in the masses of the native poputhis branch of the bureau much of the estimate of its value, it is believed by information which is to be of future those in the bureau that it will prove of Russian government discontinued its never entered into the industry, but as service is sent. A constant stream of great practical help to the various insti- school work, under the pressure of inletters floods the office of this division, in tutions working along the lines of its enwhich all manner of questions are pro- deavors. oounded. Not only do the administrators of important educational institutions in this country write for advice, but also broad. It is estimated that more than of education Dr. Brown said that the 18,000 letters are received annually, with business of the bureau was to collect and the number steadily increasing.

There are now five specialists, in the bureau, Arthur C. Monahan, specialist in charge of land grant college statistics, dealing with agricultural colleges; Dr. Kendric C. Babcock, specialist in higher education, dealing with universities and colleges; Dr. Harlan Updegraff, specialist in school administration; Milo B. Hillegas, specialist in the editorial work of The field in which its investigations shall the bureau, and Miss Anna Tolman Smith, be made must be selected with reference specialist on foreign educational systems, including England, France and Belgium. Besides this, however, Dr. Brown is continually traveling from place to place, gathering data at one point, giving it out provement. It has indeed a mission. It at another. Only recently he was asked to act as the head of a commission to the time with the effort to make for this study the present public school system country a better education for all of the of Baltimore, and to report upon its people. "We are still unable in this country to The two other members of this board are Prof. E. P. Cubberly of the Leland Stanford, fr., University, and Calvin N. Kendall, superintendent of public schools at Indianapolis. Dr. Brown has recently returned from making a beginning on the investigation, but a reort has not yet been made. Matters similar to this are by no means infrequently put into the hands of the bureau, while at educational gatherings and kindred meetings Dr. Brown or a repre-

In speaking of the work of the bureau diffuse such information as will help the people of the United States to establish better systems of schools. "On its face," continued the commis-

ply of information and not of propaganda. In a sense this is true. The office is to be a scientific office, with scientific impartiality toward the facts which it reports. But it cannot be indifferent to the improvement of our educational systems. to public needs. It must call attention to the significance of the facts presented, with some positive conviction as to the directions in which there is need of im-

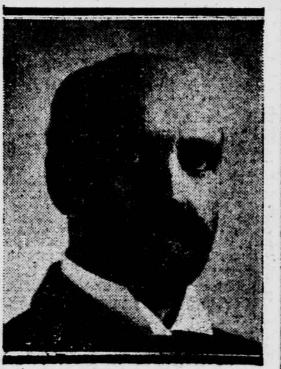
give all of our citizens anything like a fair chance at an education. We still have some illiteracy. We still have great numbers of pupils leaving school before they have received a proper elementary education. But education is no longer an interest subsidiary to other interests. It has become one of the independent and We may make such administrative arrangements from time to time as may be found workable and possible. But we

him at the hospital when he had nearly today there are more than seventy. the probability that he would be unable a pad and wrote across it, 'I've one and began as a teacher. Not only are the good eye left and I'll make it yet.' If natives of Alaska being taught English by any means we can make such edu- and the "three r's," but the practical use epidemic in this wide and susceptible is only needed to show them how to use country of ours, the bureau of education the implements of civilization instead of will not have labored in vain." Although coming under the bureau of sion is to fit the natives of Alaska/to be education and forming an experiment sta-tion for that office, the Alaskan division lized surroundings which have hemmed of the bureau is almost like a distinct in their country, and while they are bureau in so far as the work it does is taught to read and write, etc., they are, concerned. Schools have existed in also, taught how to earn their living. Alaska ever since 1784, but not under this government. In the light of the present work which is being accomplished ment forms an interesting chapter in the history of Alaska. In 1799 the Russian-American Fur Company was established.

were practically only those who would creasing expenses, and from 1867 until 1884 Alaska was not only unprovided with schools, but with any form of govern-ment whatsoever. In 1877 missionary

had to be established in connection with

its trading posts. While this educational



DR. ELMER E. BROWN,

work was undertaken in Alaska by the dominant concerns of modern societies.

Presbyterian board of home missions, and particularly of democratic societies. schools were maintained in connection with several of its stations.

RYING to make six ever ready to stretch out a helping hand. just what methods are best in educational branch of that institution. division deal with matters relating to excellence contagions and the contagion passed an act providing a civil govern- In 1881 he was made the principal of ment for Alaska, and gave the Secretary the public schools at Belvidere, Ill., in of the Interior authority over the educa- which capacity he served until 1884, when tion of the natives. March 2, 1885, Henry he was made assistant state secretary of "An incident which explains this point M. Teller, Secretary of the Interior, as- the Y. M. C. A. of Illinois, which posigned the commissioner of education the sition he filled for three years. He was work of carrying this into effect. In the made the principal of the high school When a certain following month the Rev. Dr. Sheldon at Jackson, Ill., in 1890, but in the folyoung student came up to receive his law Jackson, who had been connected with lowing year was appointed acting aslibrary centers, and which are prepared concerning universities, colleges, profes- degree, the Presbyterian missions in Alaska, was sistant professor of science and the ar plained his peculiar case. He was dear made general agent of education. The of teaching at the University of Michifirst school was erected on the Kuskokwin gan. and dumb; early in his senior year he river, in 1885. In five years there were In 1892 he was made associate profeslost the sight of one eye in a foot ball nine schools, while in the next five years accident, while the other eye was threat- the number jumped to fifteen. Since then of California, and in 1893 professor of

their cruder tools. The aim of the divi-

One of the principal aids of the govand by the terms of the charter schools dustry was apparent to those conpropaganda grew as the wealth of the which was raised by benevolent indicompany increased, the posts were far viduals, pending an appropriation by apart and the school facilities conse- Congress, sixteen reindeer were brought from Siberia in 1891 and 171 the year following. In 1893 Congress made the first appropriation, of \$6,000, and has since continued to support the lation being left uneducated. Then the industry. The first sixteen introduced a result of the second and following animals brought from Siberia, the ple which they could never acquire in Alaska reindeer now total 27,000. These reindeer are in a number of herds, and the government is encouraging the natives to become herders. The

simple and enective. A native is taken as an apprentice and learns all about the care and use of the animal. ebb in Portugal. Reliable statistics indi-He must serve four years, but is paid cate that less than one-fifth of the popuin reindeer, so that when his term of lation can read and write. The country, service has expired he owns about fifty which has an area somewhat less than deer. This makes him practically in-dependent. The only condition laid that of the state of Indiana, and a popuupon him is that as his herd increases lation approximately equal to that of he will employ apprentices in the way Illinois, has always been engaged in agri-The bureau of education has its offices world's greatest navigators, have lost,

in the old post office building, directly opposite that of the Department of the Interior. These, however, are comparatively new, as the bureau was until July, 1909, housed in a small building on the comparative of the com corner of 8th and G streets. In its present together with the political corruption and location a greater amount of space has made it possible to better carry on the work.

education. Henry Barnard acted in that ruption at home.

ened for a time. The president, visiting the number has steadily increased, until the same. Since 1906 he has been an recovered, offered condolence in view of The present chief of the Alaskan divi- took charge of the bureau of education. sion is W. T. Lopp, who has spent the Dr. Brown was not only a member of to complete his course. The boy took best part of twenty-one years in Alaska the international congress of arts and cational spirit as his contagious and even of modern tools. Skilled in carpentry, it president of the education section of vancement of Sciences in 1907. Besides filling these many and varied offices, Dr. Brown has found time to write several valuable books on educational subjects.

German Prince's Walking Tours.

The German crown prince's first experiences as a traveler were somewhat teenth to his eighteenth year his summer holidays were always spent in walking tours through Germany. These he accomplished in the true "wanderback and sleeping at roadside inns. At would obtain a knowledge of the peo-

Portuguese Decline.

culture. The people, who once were the even the riches of Portugal's colonial posbr. Brown is the fifth commissioner of more than 9,000,000, could offset the cormore the cormore than 9,000,000, could offset the cormore than 9,000,000, could

The Man With a Cigar Protests.

man more thoroughly fitted to hold the position than Dr. Brown, as all his life he has been connected with educational in the cart, sucking away at a contrivwork.

Even his birthplace was an educational jaws and give him abenoids and dys-During the years in which Alaska was Chautauqua, New York. He graduated can expect a child to grow properly when

alert, so has the bureau of education.

A CLASS OF NATIVE CHILDREN.

gered ship of education is towed back to ministration, the last two being newly accounts of the principal educational safety. And as each lighthouse has its established. Of all these none is so in- events in the preceding year, but also head keeper who is constantly on the teresting as the Alaskan. Under this di- accounts of educational progress abroad. vision comes the charge of the school The material which comprises these re- sentative of the bureau is usually sought alert, so has the bureau of education.

The material which comprises these rework being done in Alaska among the native to educational matters, numbering two the organization can experimental farm is office or traveling over the country, is constantly on eling over the lookout for danger signals and is the lookout for danger signals and is the selection of the school work is to the bureau is usually sought to be eventually of the bureau is usually sought to the bureau of the organizing center which Alaska was Under Dr. Upder and, so the of the bureau is usually sought to the bureau of the organizing center which Alaska was child the organizing center which Alaska was child to grow properly when the Illinois State Normal Chautauqua. New York. He graduated to the organizing center which Alaska was child to grow properly when the Illinois State Normal to the organizing center which Alaska was child to grow properly when the Alaska send to the organization, one of the prominent speakers.

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sioner, "it would seem to be a work sim-

Commissioner of Education. (Copyright, 1908, by G. V. Buck.)

capacity from 1867 until 1870, while his successor, John Eaton, occupied that place until 1986. The third commissioner was Nathaniel H. R. Dawson, who only From the Newark News. acted three years, and from 1889 until The man in the waiting room took the 1906, when Dr. Brown was made head, cigar out of his mouth long enough to the position was held by William T. say to his neighbor: If there is anything Harris. It would be difficult to find a ridiculous in this world it is the practice